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FOR MR. POBLANO FROM AMBASSADOR JOVA

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TAGS: CASC, MX (COMMISSION OF THE CALIFORNIAS)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TALK ON US PRISONER PROBLEM IN MEXICO

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND INVITATION TO ATTEND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CALIFORNIAS ON AUGUST 18-21. UNFORTUNATELY, OTHER COMMITMENTS HERE WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE PRESENT, BUT I HAVE ASKED MRS. RUTH S. MATTHEWS, UNITED STATES CONSUL AT MAZATLAN, SINALOA, TO BE THERE IN MY STEAD.

MRS. MATTHEWS IS ONE OF OUR MOST EXPRIENCED CONSULAR OFFICERS IN DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IMPRISONED IN MEXICO, WHICH YOU INDICATE WILL BE ONE OF THE MAJOR TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE ASSEMBLY. SHE IS ALSO IN A VERY GOOD POSITION TO DISCUSS THE MORE GENERAL AREA OF THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY AMERICANS TRAVELING IN MEXICO, AND THE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY OUR CONSULAR OFFICERS. HOWEVER, FOR A SPEAKER ON THE TOPIC OF RIGHTS, APPEALS, AND PROCESSES UNDER MEXICAN CRIMINAL LAW, YOU MAY WISH TO ASK YOUR MEXICAN COUNTERPARTS TO ARRANGE FOR A SPEAKER FROM THE MEXICAN

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GOVERNMENT, AS NONE OF OUR OFFICERS IS QUALIFIED TO

SPEAK ON MEXICAN LAW.
ONCE AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHFULNESS IN
ASKING ME TO ATTEND THE ASSEMBLY, AND I EXTEND TO YOU
ALL MY BEST WISHES FOR AN ENJOYABLE AND PRODUCTIVE
CONFERENCE.
JOVA

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